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Critical Intelligence Problems Committee

8 June 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
VIA: Deputy Director, Intelligence Community Staff
FROM: [REDACTED]
Chairman
SUBJECT: CIPC Monthly Report--May 1983

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1. The Committee did not convene in May; however, in an effort to maintain Committee cognizance of ongoing activities we provided the members a Status and Activities Report on the activities of the Narcotics and Cruise Missile Working Groups and various CIPC Staff activities and projects. Our next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for 20 June 1983. The preliminary agenda includes a briefing by [REDACTED] on key arms control and verification organizations and issues, status reports by the Narcotics and Cruise Missile Working Group Chairmen and Committee review of the preliminary reports from the two working groups. [REDACTED]

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2. During the month, the Narcotics and Cruise Missile Working Groups continued to hold a series of meetings preparatory for their respective final reports which are due in August 1983. [REDACTED]

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3. With regard to the Narcotics study, drafting is nearing completion on the first scheduled interim paper--Estimating Illicit Crop Production--for CIPC review at the 20 June meeting. Other papers scheduled by the working group are in various stages of completion:

- * Source countries' capabilities and initiatives toward the narcotics control programs;
- * Interdiction and enforcement to include narcotics trafficking organizations and patterns;
- * Narcotics-related financial flow and our capabilities to collect against such problem.

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6. A group of CIPC staffers and the Chairman of the Narcotics Working Group visited DEA's El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC) on 9 and 10 May. This visit was in conjunction with the CIPC Narcotics study. The team was favorably impressed with EPIC and its operation. The organization is staffed by personnel of nine participating agencies: Drug Enforcement Administration; Immigration and Naturalization Service; Customs Service; Coast Guard; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms; FAA; FBI; Internal Revenue Service and US Marshals Service.

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7. The visit consisted of a detailed briefing of the major data bases to which EPIC has access, briefings on the various analytical offices (Air Unit, Vessel Unit, General Unit, Traffic Exploitation Unit), a tour of the Watch Center, and in-depth discussions of their mission, functions, and operations. However, it is noteworthy that EPIC is significantly lacking in ADP support. You will recall that Burroughs 6900 computer systems were originally purchased to support the SAFE project, but were subsequently replaced by IBM computers following the program redirection. We are presently exploring the feasibility of the Burroughs 6900 computer systems to support EPIC and the narcotics Interdiction Operation Information Centers (IOIC) presently being established around the country.

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8. Subsequently, [redacted] CIPC Executive Secretary, and I were invited to meet with Admiral Murphy and Captain Nick Schowengerdt, O/VP, on 24 May to discuss our observations of the EPIC operation. Admiral Murphy, Judge Webster (FBI) and Mr. Bud Mullen (DEA) were to visit EPIC on 1 and 2 June and Admiral Murphy wanted the benefit of our observations. [redacted]

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9. As a result of the EPIC trip, the CIPC Chairman and staff visited the South Florida Task Force (SFTF) and the IOIC in Miami on 1 and 2 June. [redacted]

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10. Finally, ACDA has requested that a study be undertaken on the potential application of new technologies and systems for monitoring a chemical weapons treaty. The study should focus on technologies and systems programmed for development through the 1990s. The STIC Planning Group reviewed the ACDA request and strongly endorsed the value of such a study; however, they concluded that this study lies outside the purview of their charter and deferred to the CIPC. We are presently exploring what might be done by the CIPC in response to the ACDA request. [redacted]

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